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Three "Carolina Cash 5" Players from Currituck, Brunswick and Union Counties Win Over \$100,000 Each -\$200,000 Powerball Ticket Sold in Greensboro-

RALEIGH—"Carolina Cash 5" has been on a roll, with top prizes reaching more than \$575,000 in the past month. Three lucky players from **Currituck**, **Brunswick** and **Union** counties claimed their top prizes of over \$100,000 each this week.

Michael Williams of **Leland** bought a quick-pick (computer generated) ticket for the July 3 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing. The next day when he went to a local retailer to get the winning numbers, he says he was in disbelief when the ticket matched all five white balls and was worth \$152,225.

Williams plans to pay bills and take a vacation to Florida with his prize money. He purchased his winning ticket at the Village Stop and Shop on Vance Street in **Wilmington**.

Rufus Jones of **Grandy** says he usually picks his own numbers when playing "Carolina Cash 5" but for the July 7 drawing he decided to get a quick-pick ticket. That paid off when his ticket matched all five white balls to win the \$140,605 top prize!

Jones also plans to use some of his prize money to pay bills and go to Florida. He says he'd like to take his family to Walt Disney World. Jones purchased his winning ticket at The Border Station on Caratoke Highway in **Moyock**.

Elmar Bready, a schoolteacher from **Waxhaw**, bought a "Carolina Cash 5" ticket for the June 29 drawing and won \$106,977 when his ticket matched all five white balls. He says it is a surreal feeling to win the top prize.

Bready plans to give some of his prize money to the nonprofit Doctors Without Borders. He also plans to invest some of the money and perhaps add a porch to his house. Bready purchased his winning ticket at Duey's Stop and Shop #4 on West South Main Street in Waxhaw.

A "Carolina Cash 5" ticket worth \$575,372 remains unclaimed. The ticket is from the June 4 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing and was sold at The Border Station on Caratoke Highway in **Moyock**. The numbers for that drawing are 2 - 3 - 6 - 7 - 38.

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In last night's Powerball drawing, one ticket matched all five white balls and is worth \$200,000. The ticket was sold at Wilco #304 on Lawndale Avenue in **Greensboro**.

A total of 32,419 North Carolina Powerball players won prizes in the Wednesday, July 9, Powerball drawing, ranging from \$200,000 down to \$3 for a total payout in prizes worth \$494,510. No one matched all five white balls and the Powerball, so the jackpot for the Saturday, July 13, drawing is an estimated \$25 million.

The North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) has paid out more than \$3.7 million total in instant scratch-off ticket prizes since Monday, July 7. Also since Monday, "Carolina Cash 5" players have won more than \$231,000 and "Carolina Pick 3" players have won nearly \$717,000 in prizes.

Winner in the July 9 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Unknown		\$200,000	Wilco #304 3800 Lawndale Ave., Greensboro

Winner in the July 3 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Michael Williams	Leland	\$152,225	Village Stop and Shop 2746 Vance St., Wilmington

Winner in the July 7 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Rufus Jones	Grandy	\$140,605	The Border Station 101 Caratoke Hwy., Moyock

Winner in the June 29 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Elmar Bready	Waxhaw	\$106,977	Duey's Stop & Shop #4 315 W. South Main St., Waxhaw

Winner in the July 2 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Bruce White	Winston-Salem	\$10,000	NuGo Convenience Mart & Grill 910 Prospect St., High Point

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Played</u>
Robert Foster	Gibsonville	\$77,777	"Emerald Green 7's"
Christie Dunn	Asheboro	\$10,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Russell Bentley Jr.	Brevard	\$7,777	"Emerald Green 7's"
David Ford	Fairmont	\$7,000	"Super 7's"
Michael Middlebrooks	Jamestown	\$7,000	"Super 7's"
Derek Owen	Brevard	\$7,000	"Super 7's"
Edith Crawford	Sylva	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"

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"Carolina Cash 5" Top Prize Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$50,000 to \$856,998	135

Powerball Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$2 Million - \$200,000	109
\$100,000 - \$10,000	651

(The Powerball numbers above are since May 31, 2006,
but do not include unclaimed prizes.)

100% of the North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at risk youth, reduction of class size in early grades, school construction and college scholarships for need-based individuals.